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you may be interested, sailing from this port to any port under the jurisdiction of the United States, that until further notice no fruit or vegetables whatsoever must be taken on board at Shanghai. A strict compliance with this requirement is necessary in order to avoid complications and delay to vessel at destination.

Respectfully,

S. A. RANSOM,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon.*

SHANGHAI, CHINA, *August 31, 1903.*

GENTLEMEN: In view of the spread of cholera in this port the restrictions regarding wool, feathers, skins, and bristles, viz, dry packing in naphthaline to the satisfaction of this office, in force here last season, will again be put into operation from and after this date and until further notice.

In this connection I would say that until otherwise advised it will be necessary to submit to this office for countersignature all shipping orders or boat notes for cargo emanating from or passing through Shanghai en route to United States ports, and in order to avoid detention at quarantine at destination the officers of vessels should be instructed not to receive on board any freight the boat note for which is not properly signed.

Respectfully,

S. A. RANSOM,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon.*

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

GENTLEMEN: Your particular attention is invited to the requirement of this Service that all vessels bound to an American port from Shanghai shall submit for disinfection, under the supervision of this office, the personal effects of all crew and steerage passengers shipped here and such effects of members of the crew as have been taken ashore during the stay of the vessel here.

You are also reminded that it is required that any vessel bound to an American port upon which any of the quarantinable diseases—viz, cholera, plague, smallpox, leprosy, typhus or yellow fever—have occurred shall herself be disinfected, under the supervision of this office, before bill of health can be granted.

You are respectfully requested to advise the masters of any vessels in which you may be interested that a very strict compliance with these requirements is necessary in order to avoid trouble and considerable delay to their vessels at destination.

Respectfully,

S. A. RANSOM,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon.*

COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 29, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable. Number of deaths from all causes, 5; prevailing diseases, malarial. The 5 deaths noted were due respectively to malarial fever,

4; inflammatory rheumatism, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week good. In my opinion, the smallpox epidemic has been stamped out. The villages in the surrounding lagoons have been visited in a systematic manner; thorough vaccination of persons and disinfection of premises carried out.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 23	Barnstable .....	32	0	0	0
25	Mount Vernon .....	19	0	0	0
27	Fort Gaines .....	23	0	0	0
27	Colombia.....	18	0	0	0

#### COSTA RICA.

##### *Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows for the week ended October 1, 1903: Present officially estimated population, 4,000; number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, cases 2, deaths 1; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malaria. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 25	Watson .....	38	0	0	0
26	Beverly .....	38	8	0	0
27	Olympia .....	37	0	0	0
28	Valencia .....	43	2	1	0
29	Preston .....	29	3	0	0
30	Brighton .....	22	0	0	0
Oct. 1	Greenbrier .....	44	3	0	0

#### CUBA.

##### *Report from Cienfuegos.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports October 6, 1903, as follows:

Mortuary report for the week ended September 26, 1903: Paludism 1, meningitis 1, enteritis 1, tuberculosis 2, tetanus 1, other causes 7, total for the week 13.

During the week ended October 3, 1903, there were two bills of health issued to vessels going to ports in the United States; one of these was in good sanitary condition and the other was unclean from the cargo of cattle that she brought to this port.

The sanitary condition of the city is not so good just now as it was some months past.